

SENATE RESOLUTION 254

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jim Miller upon his selection as Portland High School and Sumner County School System Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jim Miller is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was recently selected as Portland High School's Teacher of the Year and as Sumner County School System's Teacher of the Year, honors most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as they recognize the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Portland High School mathematics teacher, Jim Miller, has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for more than thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, holding a doctorate degree in Physical Education, Mr. Miller currently teaches mathematics, advanced algebra, advanced trigonometry, and geometry; and

WHEREAS, known for injecting humor into his daily routine, while still getting his points across, Mr. Miller jokes with his students by telling them that there is the right way, the wrong way, and the Miller way; and

WHEREAS, he feels doubly blessed by the Portland High School community for their support during his recent battle with cancer; indeed, when he began his chemotherapy treatments, seventeen male teachers at the school shaved their heads in solidarity with their fellow teacher and friend; and

WHEREAS, in addition, several students obtained parental permission to follow suit and a fundraiser was born, with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife and strongest supporter, Dianne; and

WHEREAS, Jim Miller truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Jim Miller's life of teaching and public service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Jim Miller for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being selected as Portland High School's Teacher of the Year and as Sumner County School System's Teacher of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.